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In re Application of:

Barbera-Guillem

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For:

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NANOCRYSTALS FUNCTIONALIZED TO BE WATER SOLUBLE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Box Non-Fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a) to extend the time for a response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003 for an additional two months from January 23, 2004 to March 23, 2004.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IS BEING SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO NUMBER 703-872-9306 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600, COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, ALEXANDRIA, VA 23313-1450.

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